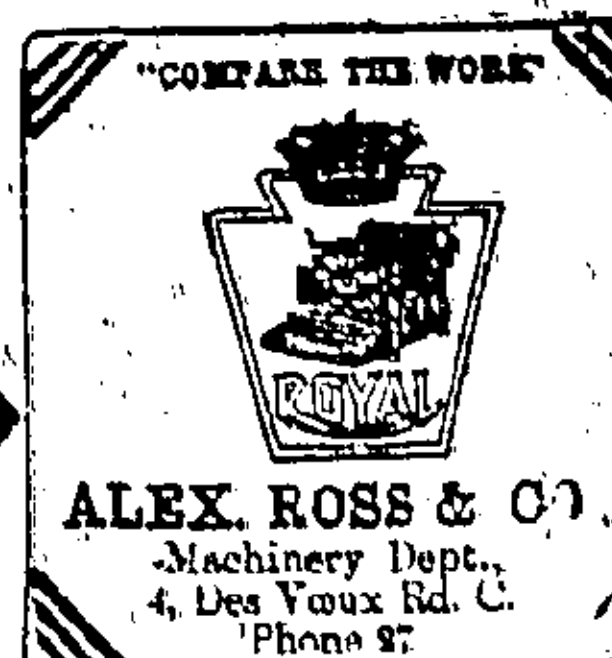


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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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### U.S. PEOPLE SURPRISED AND INDIGNANT.

NEW YORK, November 24.  
Mr. Taft, the Republican leader, has issued a statement declaring that the defeat of the ratification proposals was received in the country with surprise and indignation. The American people stood behind the war until the day of victory and they now stood behind the treaty with a like unanimity.

### U.S. COMMITTEE ON TRADE CREDITS.

WASHINGTON, November 24.  
Acting on the recommendation of the recent international trade conference, a national committee has been organized to study supply and long term credits for European purposes. The United States personnel includes Messrs. Taft and Schwab.

### NEW FRENCH PREMIUM BONDS.

#### A VERY ATTRACTIVE OFFER.

PARIS, November 24.  
Eight million francs of state guaranteed five per cent. Premium bonds, each of 500 francs, are being issued at 45 francs, from December 12 to December 23. They are tax-free. They are for the purpose of reconstructing the devastated regions, and are redeemable in 75 years or at quarterly drawings, when there will be prizes of one million francs, 500,000 francs, five prizes of 100,000 francs, and 40 prizes of 50,000 francs.

### UNREST IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, November 24.  
Wahba Pasha, the late minister of finance, has accepted the premiership. General Allenby requested four Members of the local committee of the Egyptian delegation, including the president, to leave Cairo. The members decided to ignore his request. The situation in Cairo and Alexandria was quiet over the weekend. The prospects are more hopeful in view of the formation of a stronger and more united ministry. The president and vice-president of the Cairo committee were arrested for disobeying General Allenby's order to leave Cairo.

### PRINCE REACHES HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, Nov. 24.  
The Prince of Wales arrived and was greeted with a salute of twenty-one guns, tremendous tooting of steamer sirens and factory whistles.

### SIGNOR TITTONI ILL.

ROME, November 24.  
Signor Tittoni has resigned the foreign ministry and the leadership of the Italian peace delegation owing to ill health.

### LAST WAZIRIS SURRENDER.

LONDON, November 24.  
The outstanding sections of the Waziris on Nov. 21 unreservedly accepted the British terms.

### SPINNING PROFITS.

#### A REMARKABLE RECORD.

The Coral Ring Spinning Company, Newbury, is giving its shareholders a bonus of 100 per cent. in share capital and paying a dividend of 20 per cent. per annum upon the shares as they stand now. The Coral Ring Spinning Company, Rockdale, more modestly, is adding 50 per cent. to its paid-up capital by giving a bonus as that rate, as well as paying 20 per cent. per annum, while the Delta Ring spinning Company, Rockdale, is following at a distance with a 20 per cent. bonus of the same kind and a dividend of 20 per cent. per annum. There must have been scores of cases like these in the last twelve months, and it would be interesting to have an impartial account of their effect upon the finances of the cotton trade.

Nobody will deny the companies the right to convert big reserves into share capital, now that the cost of all supplies is so heavy that a large working capital is essential to success, but these bonuses are not without their inconvenient side from a public point of view. In the first place, the accumulation of the reserves from which they are being paid for made the dividends declared illusory, and in the second they will prove rather an awkward factor when the inevitable depression comes and the shareholders expect dividends to go on as usual. Per contra, however, one must admit that it has been usual in the cotton trade to equidivide dividends as far as possible and so make sure, first, that the companies will have sufficient funds when trade is unprofitable, and, next, that the shareholders depending upon them for income shall not be disappointed until it is impossible to go on distributing money. There is a certain commendable shrewdness in a policy of that kind, but it is possible to overdo it, and one fears that that has happened in some cases, though it is not suggested that the particular companies mentioned have done it.

### COTTON SPINNING DIVIDENDS.

Out of 15 cotton spinning companies' dividends which are announced only one is less than 15 per cent. per annum, six are 20, one 25, one nearly 28, and two 40. One of the companies which is pay-

ing 20 is the Pine (new), Oldham. This concern, it will be remembered, changed hands a few months ago. Its capital was formerly £20,000, in shares of £20 each, but in course of time £15 was added to each share in bonuses. The price at which it was sold was £135,000. Yet, as we say, it is paying 20 per cent. per annum upon the new capital!

For a business, which, compared with pre-war times, has to bear so many handicaps, the record we have set out is astonishing. Manufacturers often say hard things about their profits, and it is obvious that the latter, in common with a good many other people, have found scarcity very profitable. The companies' net earnings, however, are not, as some people seem to think 15 or 20 per cent. or whatever their dividend is upon each transaction, and a reduction even of one-half the profit would perhaps not be noticed very much by yarn-users. At any rate, there is no reason to suppose that one section of the trade is less disposed than the other to take whatever profits it can get.

### SAILINGS TO INDIA: NEW OBSTACLE.

Sometime ago it seemed as if Sir Hamar Greenwood had been able to secure sailings which would enable Manchester firms to send their representatives to India in search of business. Somebody, however, has interposed a new obstacle, as the Chamber of Commerce is informed that passages to India can only be granted to Englishmen who are normally domiciled in India, or at any rate these must have the preference. Nobody will deny that persons domiciled in India have a right to sympathetic consideration, but surely that should not be the end of the matter. "Could you not (the secretary of the Chamber asks Sir Hamar Greenwood) secure the appointment of a fresh steamer altogether for the use of the numerous people who have booked passages months ago and yet find themselves entirely debarré from the journey?" The suggestion is a reasonable one, and the matter is so important from a business point of view that there should be no hesitation about it.

## THE PROGRESS OF THE FILM.

### SERVING TWO MARKETS.

British film-producing companies have one great point in common, and that is their devotion to literature. Every programme of forthcoming productions in England includes an entirely disproportionate number of screen versions of popular novels. This is, of course, partly due to the fact that no English writer of note, with the exception of Hall Caine, has yet ventured on the writing of film plays, and that very few people know how to set about it. There is a prolific scenario writer called Langford Reed and another called Kenelm Foss, but, on the whole, British producers have made no attempt to encourage original screen plots for their productions.

The whole principle of this persistent filming of novels is bad. It is a part of that spirit of commercialism which makes one art serve two markets. If a play wins favour on the stage, someone hurriedly twists it into the shape of a novel, and every book-teller tells us to "read the book before seeing the play." The theme of that drama made money for a theatre manager, is the argument; why not let it make money for a publisher as well? That the stage might be allowed to keep its glory unshared, and literature go somewhere else for its own is an idea which would be regarded as commercially unsound. But it has still to be proved that any art best serves its ultimate interests by a "dogged" following in the path of financial profit.

This path, apparently, is the one which appeals most strongly to the British film-producer. He is naturally anxious that his efforts should be crowned by monetary success, and in order to be sure of this he is willing to forego originality and freshness in his productions and to lose a chance of finding gold in the unexplored field of film-writing talent in England. He has discovered that E. Temple Thurston and W. J. Locke are among the most commercially successful novelists of the day, and so the next few months will bring a flood of these writers' works in screen form. Ethel M. Dell, Marie Corelli, Hall Caine, Robert Hichens—their books, have sold by the million, and that is hall-mark enough to make them accepted by the cinema.

Some of these screen versions are good, because what the British producer lacks in courage he partially atones for by his cleverness in mounting old ideas. But the most thorough failures that the cinema has suffered have been among its attempted adaptations of books. It is no easy matter to make a story that ambles along six hundred pages gallop through six reels of film. A novel can scatter its interests in a dozen different directions; on the screen the action must be concentrated. No one, for instance, who admired Mary Cholmondeley's "Red Pottage" could fail to be outraged by the screen version which entirely ignored two-thirds of the story.

The filming of classics—Dickens, Hardy, and Scott—is another matter; this article is concerned only with the increasing tendency to exploit the talents of the circulating library author. As a rule, these talents are of a quality which one is well content to leave in the art to which they were originally dedicated; there seems no necessity for them to be eked out to cover the screen as well. And there is the added drawback that when, as in the majority of cases, these adaptations are unsuccessful, the failure has a double thrust. If the book is a good one, then an inferior screen version of it is a desecration; if the book is worthless, then a bad thing is produced in duplicate. Without criticising the literary merits of the originals, one would quote Temple Thurston's "The Sorrows of Satan," W. J. Locke's "Derebitch," and Hichens's "Flames," as being responsible for films as poor as any that England has produced. In each case the fault lay with the unsuitable material rather than with the setting or acting.

## LOSS OF THE OTORU MARU.

Captain K. Wakamoto, master of the "Otoru Maru" No. 3, which was wrecked on Ras Jaid Hafun, Somali coast, on August 20 last, arrived in Singapore by the "Celtic Prince" from Aden on the 11th inst. He told a representative recently that the wreck of the ship was due to a counter current which was never expected at the time of the year and also to the coast being obscured by haze. Both the ship and cargo are a total loss, though the captain says he did his best to save both and received the greatest assistance from the Italian authorities and the Sultan. The crew were all saved and also arrived in Singapore by the "Celtic Prince." They left Japan about the 18th inst.

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ARTICLE.

As a class golfers are not ideal.  
They are, however, extraordinarily  
human. We noticed that war  
showed up the better qualities of the  
race, laid bare what was noble if  
unsuspected, but now that rifle and  
bayonet have been discarded for iron  
and putter, less worthy attributes  
are inclined to show themselves.  
One can understand and pity a  
garrulous enthusiasm at the 19th  
hole, for that is a mere generosity  
of feeling, and why should not the  
18 handicap man who has almost  
done a hole under Bogey be allowed  
his little hymn of gladness and self-  
praise? Nobody takes any notice of  
it, and he can be shut up by any of  
the various methods in which  
golfers are proficient.

But what will not be tolerated is  
Bolshevism on the links by those  
people whom Mr. Birrell describes as  
pieces of diseased egotism. They  
are doubtless admirable in their own  
sphere of life, which is not on the  
golf links. They would not rob the  
orphan or desert their families; they  
may even be regular church-goers  
and observe the Ten Commandments  
in the most punctilious manner.  
Their principal fault is a failure to  
appreciate the business called etiquette.  
The sympathetic soul will say  
that a tussle with a hard and unfeel-  
ing world has ruined their apprecia-  
tion of such subtleties. So we must  
be charitable, and instead of driving  
them off our beloved links let us take  
them by the hand and in a manner  
of sweet reasonableness convince  
them of the error of their ways.

HOW TO BECOME A NUISANCE.  
Wise in their day and generation,  
the officials of the Golf Club have  
invariably appended to the list of  
by-laws a few remarks on etiquette.  
These embody the correct spirit of  
the game, a spirit of chivalry handed  
down from the time when all the  
best people wore red coats on the  
links, and when Crickshanks of  
Langley and a brother laird played  
extravagant matches at dead of  
night for \$500 a hole. This is the  
spirit which must be maintained,  
else golf is to become defunct or at  
the best to rank with vulgar games.  
For after all, not all are worthy to  
be admitted to the select ranks of  
the golfers.

There may be a few choice spirits  
who have not realized how simple is  
the process of making one's self a  
nuisance on the links. To start with,  
take the jovial soul who sees a be-  
loved acquaintance hacking up the  
turf 100 yards away. *Comradeship*  
impels him to shout a friendly greet-  
ing. It is done with the best inten-  
tions in the world, but it is most re-  
prehensible. The prize is to the  
strong, silent man, and however  
endearing such greetings might be in  
town, they become mere flippancies  
when heard at Kiangwan. Some-  
times inglorious Vardon may miss a  
putt for a half at the sound, in-

cient shell-shock may even be  
observed.

It was not for nothing that that  
small coterie of enthusiasts who laid  
out Kiangwan experimented with  
many kinds of grass seed. Anxious  
days and hag-ridden nights were  
their portion in their struggle to  
make many blades of grass sprout  
where none had appeared before.  
And see the reward of their labours.  
The man who has no etiquette in his  
soul is usually an expert when it  
comes to divots. Obviously his real  
walk in life is that of railway director,  
when he would have ample op-  
portunities of cutting the first sod in  
due and ancient manner. But we do  
not want to drive him from our  
society. He has merely to be taught  
a little love of nature, a little delight  
in replacing the afore-mentioned  
divots, and all will be well. And his  
game will improve, for he will have  
fewer brassie lies of the impossible  
variety.

## THE MOUNTAINERS.

It is undoubtedly picturesque to  
observe a party of players and their  
attendant caddies scrambling through  
bunkers, scaling the turfed barrier  
with marvellous agility. What they  
want instead of a golf club is an  
alpenstock. Their mountaineering  
feats are out of place, and a gentle  
stroll round the edge of the bunker  
may be advised as more suitable for  
suitable form of exercise. It is more  
in keeping with the dignity of the  
occasion.

It is an unfortunate fact that  
golfers, in spite of their many  
excellent qualities, occasionally  
lose their temper. But it is not  
always their own fault, rather that  
of the Bolsheviks just ahead of them.  
The latter have lost a ball, and their  
search is prolonged and arduous. A  
fellow feeling for the golfer behind  
impels the thinking golfer in such  
predicament, and good golfers are  
deep-thinking people—to beckon to  
the following couple to pass through.  
And at times the Bolshevik does so,  
but immediately afterwards ruins his  
trifling act of courtesy which the  
situation demanded. No sooner is  
the 'other couple' ahead than he  
finds his ball. Impatience gets the  
better of him, and fearing neither  
the hangman's gibbet nor the moral  
obloquy which shall be his lot, he  
thumps at the ball with his stron-  
gest brassie. To put it mildly, it is  
somewhat 'disconcerting' to the man  
who has just gone ahead. To put  
the thing at its true value it is a  
crime to be ranked with the burning  
of Louvain or such an outrage as the  
relating of the curate's egg story.  
The one and only correct course is  
to pause in the game, and try to  
make up by good behaviour for the  
inconvenience which has already  
been caused.

## A FEW OTHER POINTS.

The courtesy of the game demands  
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the war was chiefly due to the fact  
that South America, which could  
not get sufficient supplies from  
Europe owing to the war, turned  
to Japan for its needs, which  
mainly consisted of cotton manu-  
factures and sundries. Things have  
now taken an unfavourable turn  
so far as Japan is concerned,  
in view of the fact that the de-  
mand is gradually decreasing as  
South America can now get supplies  
from Europe and other places now  
that peace is restored. It is said  
that the chief items of goods now  
exported from Japan are fancy mat-  
tings, carpets, hosiery manufactures,  
etc. On account of the decrease in  
export, however, the N.Y.K. and the  
O.S.K. in particular, are now put out  
in the matter of filling their regular  
steamers bound for South America.  
To make matters worse for them,  
they are not suffering from a de-  
cline in consignments alone, but also  
from a considerable decrease in pas-  
sengers. It has hitherto been cus-  
tomary that large numbers of  
Japanese emigrants cross over to  
South America every year, but this  
year, what with the increased wages  
and the increased demand for labour  
in connection with the boom in in-  
dustry in Japan, the number of emi-  
grants has been decreasing conside-  
rably. The number of ordinary passen-  
gers alone is not sufficiently large to  
keep the present number of passenger  
boats on the line. The above state-  
ment refers to the condition on out-  
ward voyages. As regards return  
trips, a similar state of affairs is ob-  
served. Although there are some  
consignments of wool and industrial  
drugs from South America and South  
Africa on return voyages, they are  
only sufficient so far to serve as bal-  
last. The steamers make calls at In-  
dian ports, therefore, in order to fill  
up. Such being the case, it is feared  
that the recovery of the former pro-  
sperity of the line is impossible for  
some time to come.

any stage of the game. It may  
possibly annoy him, and even if it  
does not, it may tend to hurt his  
game.

And there are other points for due  
consideration, the majority of which  
should be deeply pondered before the  
next round is played. The majority  
of them are done out of a vast un-  
consciousness, it may even be *jeu de  
viens*. The cure is a couple of nights  
with the rules of golf and the hints  
on etiquette therein contained. And  
when the careless golfer has absor-  
bed them and resolved never more to  
offend, the world will be a better  
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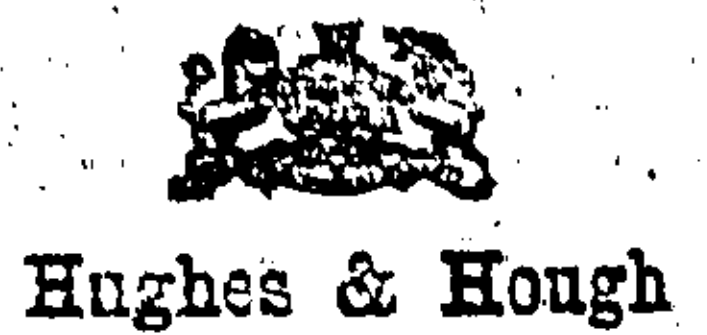
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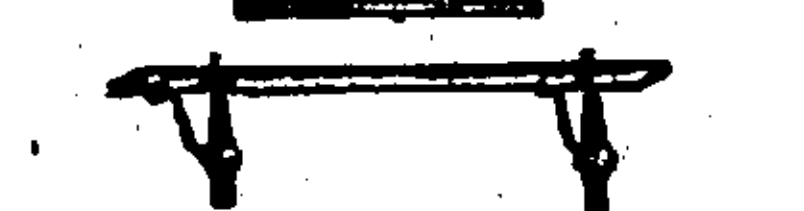
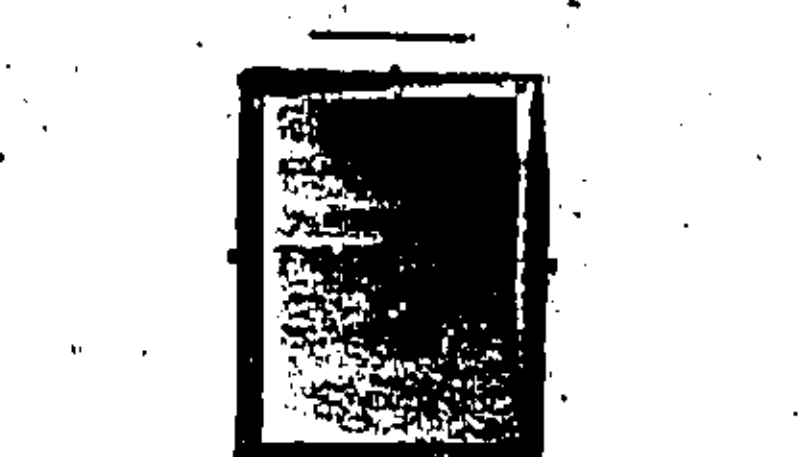
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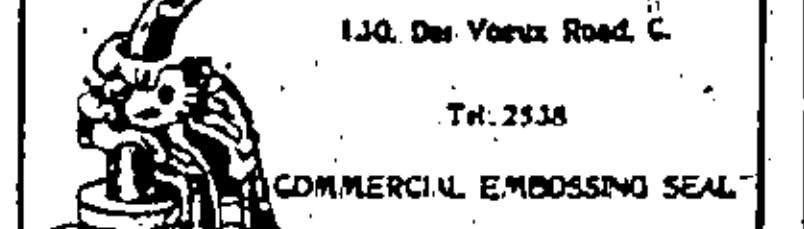
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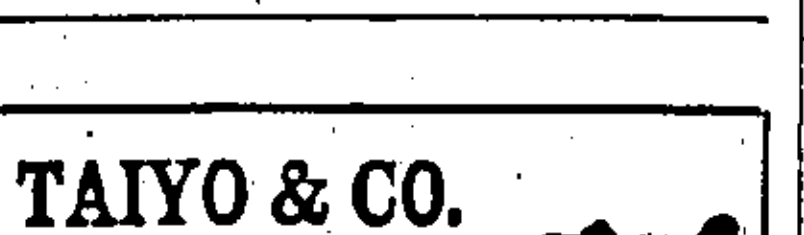
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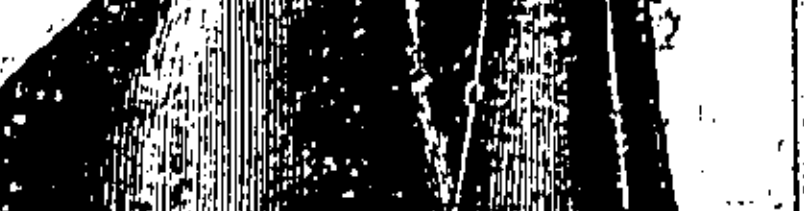
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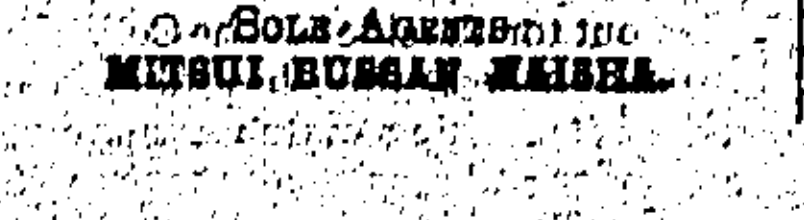
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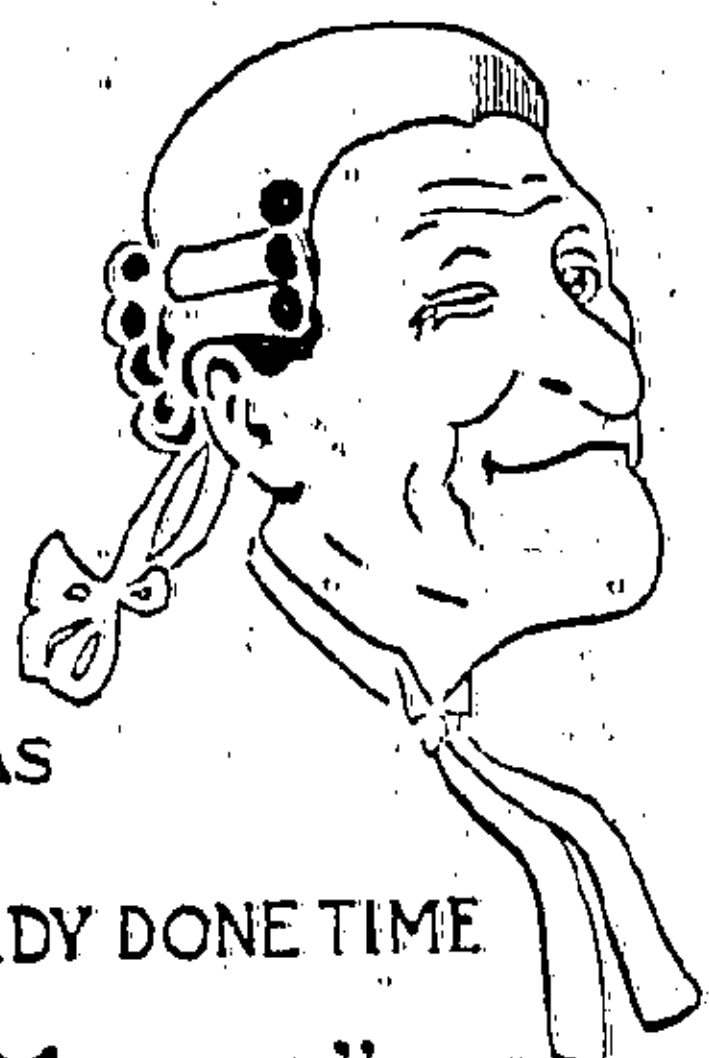
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## The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, NOV. 23, 1919.

### ADVERSARIA.

HONGKONG'S CONSCRIPTION ACT.

Military Service Ordinance, thus restoring us all to our civilian status and freedom, we do not want to remind you that we are "the paper that gets things done." We certainly "did our bit," but we have a suspicion that this is one of those things that get themselves done. Continued retention of militarism in any part of the British Empire, with the British people feeling the way it does, would need a very bold and a very pig-headed administrative. It is more than probable that this is merely one of the jobs left over for the new governor to do, and that it got attended to when its turn came. The Government can be irritatingly deliberate in such matters, but it is, after all, merely the irritating deliberation of the doctor whom the young husband runs for when his wife is going to produce her first child. To the anxious father, the way the doctor fumbles with his gloves is a wanton cruelty. To the doctor, the fussy fellow is merely one more case.

A book published in WAR YET 1916, entitled "The Decline of Liberty in England," said "the only effect of the war up to now has been to strengthen the hands of Prussian-minded Britons." It is of course unfair to criticise war measures as we should criticise peace measures; but great efforts will certainly be made after the war to preserve a number of ordinances which can only be tolerated on the ground of real or alleged "necessity." That was a shrewd prophecy for 1916, as you now recognize, and Hongkong has not been left out of it, as regular readers of the China Mail are aware. Our home-bred Prussians, however, are not going to have their way.

Britons can adapt themselves to exceptional circumstances, as in the war, without permanently forgetting or relinquishing their dearest principles.

On the table of our scriptorium this morning we find two papers fresh out from Home.

They are as remarkable in their likeness as in their conspicuous difference. One is well-written, the other is not. They are alike in outspokenness. At least both seem to be devoted to a policy of complete candour. They are alike in this, that to read either gives one a depressing feeling with regard to the status of human nature. One is called *Truth*, and the other *John Bull*. The easily impressionable person should avoid both, if he wants to remain cheerful and optimistic.

*John Bull* is the organ of Horatio Bottomley, O.B.E., and calls itself on occasion "the penny *Truth*," which somehow brings up the thought of "twopenny coloured." *Truth* does not reciprocate by calling itself the sixpenny *John Bull*, whereby perhaps depends some significance. Mr. Bottomley in this number discusses Labour as "the predominant political force of the country," and tells us that the slightest swing of the pendulum may compel His Majesty to invite Labour to form a Government. Here is what Mr. Bottomley considers the "probable First Cabinet":

Prime Minister: Mr. Henderson.  
Chancellor of the Exchequer: Mr. Clynes.  
Home Secretary: Mr. Brace.  
Foreign Secretary: Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.  
Board of Trade: Mr. Thomas.  
First Lord of the Admiralty: Mr. Tillet.  
Secretary for War: Colonel Ward.  
Minister of Health: Mr. Thorne.  
Minister of Agriculture: Sir L. Chiozza Money.  
Postmaster General: Mr. C. W. Bowerman.  
Minister of Pensions: Mr. Hodge.  
Minister of Education: Mr. F. W. Jowett.  
Secretary for India: Mr. Snowden.  
Secretary for the Colonies: Mr. O'Grady.  
Secretary for Scotland: Mr. W. Adamson.

Secretary for Ireland: Mr. Barnes.  
Food Controller: Mr. Roberts.  
Financial Secretary to Treasury: Mr. Wardle.  
Minister of Transport: Mr. Smillie.  
Whips: Mr. Williams and Mr. Cramp.

Although he presents that as based on "many opportunities of conferring with prominent Labour M.P.s," it must not be regarded as anything more than his own forecast. It would certainly not be the forecast of any Labour leader. Mr. Bottomley hastens to tell us that he views such a Government with apprehension. That is natural, seeing that it reserves no place for Mr. Bottomley. We can face it with greater equanimity, even with him not in it, partly because it is all wrong, and partly because any Government would be bound to be better than the present one. Meanwhile, Hongkong readers are assured that when Labour does submit its list to the King, there will be names on it that Mr. Bottomley has overlooked, and more than one of his selections will not be in it. As Mr. Bottomley is fond of saying, "we are in the know."

There is less need to describe *Truth* out here, where it has been read for years. Those who like it like it, and those who don't don't. We venture this assertion with some confidence. There is one article in this number we want briefly to comment on. It is about "The New Journalism," meaning the unspeakable Northcliffe bunch—and while it reviews the change that has come over British Journalism since 1894 fairly truthfully, we consider its conclusions quite wrongheaded. Thus we read that "it is an ominous fact that the daily newspapers carry less authority than of old," and that they "will exercise little influence" in spite of their larger circulation. Journalists usually mean by "ominous" that the omens are bad. If *Truth* as quoted is true, we consider the omens good. The old-fashioned journalism was maybe better (we confess to a prejudice ourselves) but good as it was bad in being authoritative and influential. No printed sheet has any right to be that. Authorities (in the sense of offering statements that it is not considered necessary to examine or analyse) are unwholesome. A public that is influenced (except in the restricted sense of being informed and stimulated to think and form its own conclusions) is a driven mob.

The editorial "we" has always been a fraudulent plural; there was never a newspaper we-we that didn't involve the winking of some capital I. The best and most carefully considered editorial article ever published was merely opinions about facts, and there is no fact about which a whole man should not form his own opinion. If he hasn't time, let him do without one. To adopt another man's opinion, without thought, is not right. It leads to swarmery. Thinking of all the mischief that the "authority" and "influence" of journalism must be blamed for, we do hope the *Truth* writer is right, and that the public is learning to realize and be aware of the fact that what it sees in print should really carry no more weight than what it hears at a street corner or in its clubs. The only "influence" the *China Mail* wants (which means the wanting of the half dozen men who run it) is to make people think for themselves. That's why we publish so much stuff that you don't like at first sight. You don't like it because you are used to being "spoiled fed," and feel uncomfortable at having to help yourselves. But you are getting over it. You are forming a new and more manly habit. We really have hopes of you. The reports from our circulation department encourage us. Good hunting.

We have all along claimed that when it comes to a man "doing his bit," the heroes from the war cannot crowd over our Hongkong policemen. Here they have had no fun holes, no rest bases in the city. During the last few years they have been at the front of the front and facing fire. Consequently as regards the interesting police court case this afternoon, our sympathy is entirely with them, and against the lady who claimed that in 23 years they had done nothing for her. It was no mere figure of speech that made Street Traffic Inspector Garrod claim that quite recently nine policemen had died for her, left widows and fatherless children for her—and such disrespect toward the police is really disrespectful toward the memory of dead martyrs who (trysted with Death in the public service. Let any grumbling civilian feel to chase the next lot of motor bandits, and see how it feels.

Thus did Mr. H. J. Gedge address last night's meeting of men interested in getting up a Boxing Association to control pugilistic shows in Hongkong. What a vivid picture the phrase summons to mind. As the first crowdstom or wrinkle or gray hair to a pretty woman, so is the nascent punch to a boxing man—the dawn of a tragedy. When one has lost in punch, what one has gained in punch, there is a tendency to slacken generally and lose interest, unless the sport is made and kept as good to watch as it was to participate in. That is the object of the pro-

motors of the Hongkong Boxing Association, to whom the *China Mail* extends its blessing and best wishes. We have seen pugilistic shows in the old days in Hongkong that saddened us nearly as much as the oncoming of the paunch and the consequent shrink middle-age. Pugilism must be kept clean as youth. This Association can do it.

There is an extensive BOXING literature of pugilism, if books, we count text books and such. There is the "Tom and Jerry" stuff, and the Homerian burlesque in "Tom Jones." Many men in Hongkong mention "Rodney Stone" respectfully in this connection, but we prefer before that "Cashel Byron's Profession" for a fighting story. This, however, is merely leading up to the best pug story yet written, and because we find it isn't as well known as it deserves to be, we "put you wise." Beg, buy, borrow, or steal a copy of "The Happy Warrior" by A.S.M. Hutchison. Nelson publishes a cheap edition of it. In this tale you have sterling English and the real pugilism.

Shanghai is expected to see d'Annunzio call there soon, on a flight from Rome to Tokyo, according to the telegram from our special correspondent at the northern port. As we have not heard of any other d'Annunzio than Gabriele, decadent poet, novelist, and transpontine hero of the Fiume raid, we fear Shanghai will be disappointed. We acquired the impression somehow that the previous talk of his projected flight to Tokyo was camouflage to divert attention from his plans on Fiume. We are not going to be dogmatic about it. The odds are that he will soon have to fly somewhere, and he might as well fly to Shanghai as elsewhere. Better wait and see.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4s. 11½d.

A case of enteric is reported in today's return.

Extra ferries will be run, to-morrow morning, at 1.30, 2 and 2.30.

The s.s. "Elkhorn" having arrived, consignees of cargo are reminded to clear their goods before December 1.

Consignees of Cargo are reminded that their goods ex s.s. "Kitano Maru" not cleared by December 3, will be subject to rent.

By kind permission of Capt. R. G. H. Henderson, C.B., and Officers, the Band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" will play at the Gymkhana on Saturday.

Through the kindness of Major T. M. Wakefield and Officers, the Pipers of H.K.S. R.G.A., will also be in attendance at Saturday's Gymkhana.

No nominations were received, on Wednesday, at the Magistracy, for a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Licensing Board in place of Mr. A. Shelton-Hooper.

Owing to the lecture at the City Hall on December 1, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald's lecture on "Our Nearest Neighbour in Space" at the Helena May Institute is postponed until Tuesday, December 2, at 6 p.m.

At to-morrow's Gymkhana, tea will be supplied by the Portuguese community. Contributions of cakes, sandwiches etc will be gratefully received at the Consulate offices above Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw and Company.

A mixed whist-drive, held at the Police Recreation Club on Wednesday night, was attended by 60 persons. Inspector Kent performed the duties of M.C. The prize-winners were: Ladies: 1st, Mrs. Laing (silver vase); 2nd, Mrs. Glendinning (silver mustard pot); 3rd, Mrs. Watt (naakin ring); 4th, Mrs. Phillips (pair of tea forks). Men: 1st, Mr. Sandford (silver-mounted walking-stick); 2nd, Mr. Ellis (gold tie clip); 3rd, Mr. Arney (silver watch-box holder); 4th, Mr. Sear, jun. (silver spoon).

Within the premises of "Hongkong Theatre" some Chinese artists in European dress were gossiping about the splendid pictures that have been screened of late, and were eager in making enquiries for the whereabouts of the Manager of the concern with a view to some important purpose. It appears that this theatre is gaining a reputation for good pictures, especially among the native population. The only drawback is the limited space provided for the show. Mr. Lai Wing Ki, the proprietor, has gained his popularity among the theatre-goers for his courtesy and obliging manners and the way he has conducted his business to the satisfaction of the public and perfect order maintained since he has started this theatre. A big show is contemplated during the Xmas holidays.

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### SPECIAL CABLES.

#### SHANGHAI SPECIAL POLICE.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 27. The municipal council has decided that the police "specials" shall cease their functions to-day. Mr. Pearce has registered his appreciation of their invaluable services. A special police reserve is being formed.

#### D'ANNUNZIO'S FLIGHT TO TOKYO.

#### SHANGHAI EXPECTING HIM.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 27. For his Rome to Tokyo flight d'Annunzio will probably start at the end of next week, reaching Shanghai before Christmas. Efforts are progressing to arrange for his immediate flight from here by a spare machine that has already arrived. [See "Adversaria."]

#### GYMKHANA.

#### SATURDAY'S EVENTS.

The following are the events for to-morrow's special gymkhana in aid of devastated France:

1.—2.30 p.m.—The Kilmarnock Kanter: Class Handicap: "B" Class: Three Quarter Mile.—For China Ponies. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: Silver Cup presented by J. H. Congdon, Esq. and \$50. 2nd Prize: \$40. 3rd Prize: \$30.

2.—The Gorbals Gallop: Class Handicap: "A" Class: Three Quarter Mile.—For China Ponies. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: Silver Cup presented by M. R. de Journal, Esq. and \$50. 2nd Prize: \$40. 3rd Prize: \$30.

3.—Scotch Scurry: Distance Handicap: About Half a Mile.—For China Ponies. Winners of any race in 1919 (excepting Ladies' Nomination) and placed ponies at this Meeting barred. Catch weights 155 lbs. Pegs will be placed on outside edge of course, and chalk lines marking the position of each pony according to the handicap (in yards) conceded. The race will be started by sounding a gong, and each rider must keep his pony behind the line assigned to him until the signal is given. Any rider whose pony is then over the line, or moving forward faster than a walk, must return and start again or be disqualified. Mafoos may assist by holding ponies if desired. Entrance Fee \$3. 1st Prize: Silver Cup presented by Capt. Basil Taylor, R.N., and \$30. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

4.—St. Andrew's Cup: 5 Furlongs.—For Larsen Subscription Griffs. Weight for inches as per Scale. Winner of Larsen Subscription Race at 5th Gymkhana: 5 lbs. extra. Jockeys that have not won 2 Races of any kind (excepting Ladies' Nomination and Distance Handicap) allowed 5 lbs. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: Cup presented by Ross Thomson, Esq. and \$50. 2nd Prize: \$50. 3rd Prize: \$30.

5.—The Trossachs Trot: One mile.—For all China Ponies that have started at this Gymkhana and not won a Race (excepting Ladies' Nomination and Distance Handicaps) this Season. Jockeys that have not won 2 Races of any kind (excepting Ladies' Nomination and Distance Handicaps) this Season allowed 5 lbs. Weight for inches as per Scale. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: Silver Cup presented by Mr. "John Peel" and \$50. 2nd Prize: \$40. 3rd Prize: \$30.

6.—The Porto-bello Purse: 1½ Mile Handicap.—For all China Ponies. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: Silver Cup presented by H. B. L. Dowbiggan, Esq. and \$50. 2nd Prize: \$40. 3rd Prize: \$30.

7.—The Dumfries Debris: Half Mile Race.—For Larsen Subscription that have run and not been placed in either St. Andrew's Cup or the Larsen Subscription Race in Fifth Gymkhana. Weight for inches as per Scale. Jockeys that have not won 2 Races of any kind (excepting Ladies' Nomination and Distance Handicaps) allowed 5 lbs. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: Cup presented by T. S. Forrest, Esq. and \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

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### FOOTBALL NOTES.

[By "Ignoramus."]

#### THE WEEK END MATCHES.

The following are the league matches fixed for Saturday.—

#### 1ST DIVISION.

Navy v. R.G.A., Navy Ground. Kick-off at 4 p.m.  
Police v. South China, Military Ground. Kick-off at 4 p.m.  
St. Joseph's v. Club, Club Ground. Kick-off at 4 p.m.

#### 2ND DIVISION.

St. Joseph's (R) v. Club de Recreo, Club Ground. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.  
South China "A" v. Indians, Military Ground. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.  
South China "B" v. Staff and Departments, Navy Ground. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

The two points at stake in the Navy R.G.A. match should go to the sailors, whose play, taken all round, is superior to that of the gunners, who, although a team with a reputation made last season, is so dilapidated by the departure of good players for demobilization, that they are unable to field a ghost of last season's clever team. Indeed, it is not without much difficulty and a lot of hard work on the part of those enthusiasts of the regiment that it was at all possible to scrape together this season's team. The gunners however, always play decent football and they ought to be able to make some sort of a show against the other branch of the Service which, although starting the season in practically the same boat, is fortunate enough in being reinforced by the early arrival of new warships to take up the work left behind by last year's team, nearly all of which has already returned Home. Until the arrival of the new draft of Artillery, it is feared that the gunners will have to content themselves with merely being passengers in the first division league. It is no use hiding the fact that the gunners at their present strength cannot expect to win the league, and the spirit of sportsmanship—which prompted them to enter a team more for the sake of sport than any idea of winning the cup is very commendable. The sailors on the other hand bid well towards becoming this season's champions in the first league. Of course, the Club is a tough proposition to deal with, but one feels sure the Navy, provided they are able to retain their present team, would justify the trust many had put on them. Without considering the men from the *Hawkins*, if the Navy only fielded the same team as the one which met the Chinese last week, they ought to win to-morrow's match without much difficulty.

The Police-South China match is one which one hesitates to comment upon. While the Chinese should win, considering their advantage in the scientific side of the game, the form exhibited by the Police in their match against the Club last Saturday, convinces one that they are developing, slowly it is true, into a very promising combination. This match really depends on whether or not the Police will be able to cope up with the dashing play of the Chinese. If they are able to withstand the lightning-like dashes of the Chinese, there is no reason why they should not manage to snatch a draw. Considering the present condition of the Police forward line, however, one cannot seriously expect them to win the match. However well Kelly and Grimmett might work together, the lack of material help from the other three which form the forward string, would prove a great drawback. It is fair to say to the Chinese, one cannot help but rely on a team which managed such a creditable draw against a strong Navy side last Saturday, to do the necessary with the Police team.

St. Joseph's College which is a very tough combination when at full strength, is very uncertain these days. For some reason or other their players lack the enthusiasm which they displayed last season. Last week's match against the R.G.A., is sufficient illustration of what I mean. The way some of the players laid down their side last Saturday by failing to turn up at the last moment is disgraceful and is not at all sporting. If the Collegians desert their side again to-morrow, and leave the second team to keep the flag flying, while they go to a walking excursion or play cricket, then one can expect a repetition of last week's match which is really a disgrace to football. It would be more advisable, and many think more honourable, for those who find their interest in the team waning, to be candid enough to acquaint the secretary and let him replace them instead of allowing him to rely on their services and then let him and the side down by absents themselves from the match. What is the good of possessing a good team and being unable to field that team on more than two occasions throughout the league? I am sure all concerned would agree with me that it is better to boast a moderate XI and be sure of the services of one's men than to have a "big list" of good players in your Club roll, but be uncertain when they will or will not turn out for the side. If the Collegians happen to be at their best to-morrow, a very interesting match is anticipated, but the Club is the favourite side.

Before closing these notes, I think it fair to explain why I treated the "Indian team" so lightly. After one has seen them being defeated week after week, what else can one do? Many people say in this young team the making of good footballers, and at first much hope was placed in them, but their progress was keenly watched by those who like to encourage new teams to enter league football. They turned out to be hopelessly bad, however. Their players are certainly not bad, and all know that they possess good material, but it is the way this material is used—that has everything to do with the team's failure. First of all, I can't for the life of me see why they should so persistently play a man in a position for which he is not suited. I am convinced that if the team is re-organized and each man is placed in his proper position, the improvement would be surprising. Another point which must be driven home to them is the importance of combination. Individual play is all very well for one who likes to exhibit his abilities to the followers of the game; but it must be borne in mind that one has no right to enter a football field thinking of personal reputation only. It is the duty of every one of the eleven men representing a team to work for the good name and reputation of the team in general. The question of one's self should be left alone together. A little less selfish play by one or two of the Indian team would bring about great improvement.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### STALE NEWS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir—I beg to disagree with "Onlooker," most of us do not care to know where these Notables eat. We must all eat—to live. Who eat together and where they eat is stale news, which most human beings skip. Your space could be put to better use by being filled with something that is really news, although your comment on the partiality in doling out such favours only to the privileged papers is quite right. Yours faithfully, RAT.

November 26, 1919.

#### TEA, SONG, AND DANCE.

The Misses Aileen and Dorothy Woods are accomplished girls. Not only are they busy teaching Hongkong the up-to-date dances. They now blossom as society entertainers at the Hongkong Hotel dance teas, beginning on Monday, when they will give a vocal entertainment introducing the latest songs. Two years ago they gave entertainments at the Clubs here, and this will be the first time they have appeared here since, although all over the Orient they have been earning a big reputation in this line.

with the football "fans" for this match and is confidently expected to win. Whether or not with a hard struggle, however, depends on what strength the Collegians will be in.

St. Joseph's second string are scheduled to meet Club de Recreo on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow. Both sides play smart football and it is very hard to anticipate the winners. After a glance at the records of the respective teams, however, one is inclined to back the Portuguese team. Considering the matches both sides had played so far, the Portuguese team has certainly done better than the Collegians. In any case, a draw would not be improbable.

The South China "A" and "B" teams are both appearing in league football this week, the first named against the Indians and the other against the Staff and Departments. It is feared that the fate of these two Chinese teams would be very much the reverse of one another. While the "A" team is sure to win their match against the Indians, the "B" team is equally sure of a defeat at the hands of the Staff, who are one of the pioneer teams of the second league, if not actually the best side. I have often wondered at the foolishness of the Chinese in entering two teams in the second league. Many people are saying that if they only entered one team chosen from the best players of the twenty-two men they have at their disposal, they would do better. With things as they are at present, neither of these two Chinese teams can be called a good combination, and the football either of them exhibit is not half as good as that of South China's last year's second division team. While the "A" team is noted for its clever forward line, their defence is bad; while the "B" team possesses characteristics which is quite the reverse, they have a sound defence and a poor front line. A South China team which included "A" team's forwards and "B" team's defence would certainly be a tough proposition to reckon with.

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## A POLICE INSPECTOR'S PROTEST.

DIDN'T LIKE HONGKONG LADY'S TALK.

Prior to the hearing of a charge of being without licences against two chair coolies employed by a European lady resident, this morning, before Mr. N. L. Smith, Inspector Garrod electrified the Court by making the following statement—

"I should like, with your Worship's permission, to make a few remarks on this case. I should like also, for the information of the general public, to state that previous to the private chairs being licensed, an interview was sought of me by a gentleman of the Press, who afterwards wrote an article on August 31, 1919. If the owners of private chairs had acted upon the suggestions contained in that article, a lot of the present trouble in the Colony would have been avoided. But it was not acted upon. It provides not only for licences but also for the registration of coolies which would be a great protection to persons who employ them. With reference to this particular case, there are a number of traffic men detailed to supervise rich-shans and their drivers in the Colony, and it is their duty to see that they are properly licensed and that they carry their licences. On Saturday evening, November 22, one of my constables, C.C. 40, saw chair No. 395, which is registered in the name of a European lady in Peddar Street. He accosted the chair coolies and asked them for their licences. The men gave the usual grin and took very little notice of what the constable said and afterwards referred him to the mistress; who, they said, had purchased the licence. The constable followed these men down Peddar Street and at the bottom he saw a European detective to whom he complained. The European detective accompanied him to opposite Wiseman's and there saw the two coolies who are now charged, who, for the time being, were being employed by another lady. The Sergeant spoke to this lady, who stated that she was a white woman in a British Colony and she thought it was an insult for the police to ask a Chinaman to accost her. I should like to point out that the Chinaman did not accost her but that he did his duty by going up to the chair coolies and asking them for their licences. The European constable rightly asked the Chinese constable to let the matter drop, as the usual Chinese crowd had collected on the spot. The Chinese constable left the scene and on Monday morning the matter was reported to me by my men. I immediately communicated with the lady by telephone and told her that Inspector Garrod was speaking, and I would like to offer her a little advice in reference to her chair coolies, both in regard to their behaviour and in not possessing licences. She entered into a very long conversation. I cannot tell your Worship all that was said, but I did tell her that it was very unBritish of her to try and put the coolies against the authority of the police in the streets. There is no doubt that her action in Des Vaux Road caused the coolies to do what they had done and to look down upon the constables and take no notice of them. I told her that these regulations were notified to the public in the 'Press' on a certain date. She answered, 'I don't read the newspapers.' I told her then exactly what was required, and also the benefits which accrue from these regulations; that is from the coolies being registered by us. She answered that during 28 years' residence she never received any protection from the police in Hongkong and she had yet to find the person or persons in Hongkong who had either received any assistance or protection from the police in the Colony. I do not want to hurt, in the least, her feelings, but I can honestly assure her that instead of being insulted she was insulting herself. It was a gratuitous insult to the memory of our dead men from whom she said she never got any protection. During the last two years we have had to witness armed attacks by outlaws in this Colony and I have assisted to carry my own dead comrades, covered in blood, with five or six bullet wounds in their bodies, out of houses. I suppose the lady does not think that they were giving her protection. Only recently, during the last few days, the police were called upon to afford still more protection to people like her. I consider the lady has grossly insulted the memory of my dead comrades, but not only them, but their widows and little children who are suffering the loss of fathers and husbands through the outlaws in this Colony. I consider she should publicly acknowledge her wrong for the statements she made. UnBritish is not the name for it. I apologise to your Worship for these few remarks but I think it is only right to make them. It will show your Worship the difficulties under which we have to labour among the coolie classes. I should like to tell the lady, I don't know whether I will have the opportunity of meeting her, that the coolies whom she so nobly protected and assisted to help to ridicule the police would be the first to turn round on her, if she had a tender-dollor, and steal it and strangle her.

The accused were fined \$4 each.

## SPORTS.

## CRICKET.

K.C.C. 2ND XI v. C.R.C.

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon 2nd XI against the Chinese Recreation Club tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.—E. J. Edwards, A. O. Brown, L. J. Blackburn, E. C. Carr, H. Overy, A. W. Ramsay, N. L. H. Raiton, F. W. Richmond, G. F. Caville, W. T. Elson and F. Lobel.

CLUB DE RECREIO v. C.C.C.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio in a friendly cricket match against the Craigengower Cricket Club on the latter's ground on Saturday the 29th at 2.15 p.m.—Messrs P. A. Yvanovich (Captain) M. F. Pinda, H. S. Remedios, D. C. Baptista, C. E. Marques, J. M. J. Lopes, R. F. Luz, T. A. Carvalho, A. C. V. Ribeiro, F. Ozorio, Paulo Xavier, and F. Sequeira. L. M. Xavier (reserves.)

Q.C. v. C.S. C.C. 2ND XI.

This match will start at 2.15 p.m. on C.S. C.C. ground on Saturday. The following will represent the College—Mr. W. Kay, A. El Arculli, S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, O. Rum-jahn, S. A. R. Ismail, G. A. Hyder, J. S. Curran, S. Abbas, D. Laing, and S. Abbas.

## FOOTBALL.

I.R.C. v. SOUTH CHINA "A."

The following will represent the Indians in their 2nd Division match against the South China "A" team, kick-off on the Military Ground at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow: A. O. Madar, A. H. Salim and E. A. Hyder; M. S. Hartman (Capt.), S. A. Ismail and M. S. Salim; A. G. Narkar, G. C. Earde, A. L. Andree, Izan Rahman and A. N. Othar.

UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB v. S.C.A. "B."

The following will represent the United Football Club in a second division match against South China Athlete's B Team on Navy Ground at 2.30 p.m. Saturday, 29th inst. W. McLeod; A. Marshall, K. Mason; C. H. Blake, C. S. Rossetti, J. Marshall; J. Leonard, P. Brown, G. Millar, W. Mason, G. Chubb. Reserve: W. Hardwick.

## KOWLOON GOLF.

The final of the Thompson Cup, (36 holes) will be played at King's Park on Sunday, W. T. Elson meeting S. Gray.

## BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

The handicap and drawing for the above took place at the Hotel on Wednesday and the following is the result—

## FIRST ROUND HANDICAP.

E. D. Golding (200) v. P. Lannon (75).  
P. S. Beatwell (200) v. E. Carr (scratch).  
J. Parkes (200) v. R. A. Tyrrell (20).  
R. O. Parret (20) v. A. E. McCarthy (scratch).  
D. McKenzie (scratch) v. W. G. Matthen (20).

## SECOND ROUND HANDICAP.

Winners of the first round and F. C. Coleman (100) bye.  
G. A. Searle (50) v. W. W. Cooper (125).  
R. McKecknie (125) v. Blenkison (40).  
K. Higashide (325) v. W. Hill (100).  
W. G. Gerrard (125) v. W. E. Wilson (30).  
M. H. Taylor (20) v. S. Hewlett (200).

F. H. Woolman (20) v. W. S. Turnbull (scratch).  
C. Hatt (20) v. F. Hobbs (scratch).  
D. T. Elson (125) v. J. Foulds (150).  
C. Fairbrother Mason (150) v. J. Morgan (125).  
A. G. Heath (125) v. D. D. Urquhart (75).  
A. G. S. Morton (125) v. D. Cooper (scratch).  
F. S. Cooke (125) v. J. Gibson (200).

T. Pitt (350) v. G. M. Bayley (125).  
Play will commence on Monday, December 1, at 6 p.m.  
6 p.m. E. D. Golding v. P. Lannon.  
9 p.m. P. S. Beatwell v. E. Carr.

## HARD COURT TENNIS LEAGUE.

Results of a match, Chinese Y.M.C.A. v. Dockyard R.C., played on the Dockyard R.C. courts on Thursday, 27th inst.:

O. and S. Rumjahn, Y.M.C.A., beat Bearne and Spanton, 10-1; beat Pile and Mugridge, 11-0; beat Crocker and Matthews, 8-3.  
Lin and Tsai, Y.M.C.A., beat Bearne and Spanton, 6-5; beat Pile and Crocker, 9-2; beat Crocker and Matthews, 6-5.  
Lay and Cuckow, Y.M.C.A., lost to Bearne and Spanton, 5-6; beat Pile and Mugridge, 6-5; beat Crocker and Matthews, 8-3.  
Chinese Y.M.C.A., 68; Dockyard R.C., 30.

## MARINE COURT.

## EUROPEAN SEAMAN SENTENCED.

Before Captain Basil T aylor, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, the hearing was concluded in the case in which W. Reynolds, a trimmer of the s.s. "Trazos Montes," is charged with assaulting the third mate on board the ship on the 18th inst., whilst the vessel was lying alongside Tanjong Pagar wharf at Singapore.

Pte. A. Keetchin of the Wiltshire Regiment, called for the defence said he was on board the s.s. "Trazos Montes" on the 18th inst., at Singapore. He saw the defendant go down the gangway to "buy some singlets. When the defendant returned, witness saw the complainant punch him on the back of the neck. The defendant retaliated and struck the complainant on the mouth. Witness was standing only two yards away from the two when this occurred.

By His Worship: The mate struck the fireman a heavy blow. Witness saw the mate strike the fireman only once.

Lieut. Hicks, of the Wiltshire Regiment, recalled, said he was standing 10 yards away from the couple when the defendant struck the complainant. He did not see Mr. Jones strike the fireman.

His Worship: Were you in a position to see everything? If the mate had, in fact struck the defendant, would you have seen it? It is pretty hard to say as the soldiers were standing around. I cannot swear that the mate did not hit the fireman, but I did not see him do so.

Mr. Jones, recalled, denied, on oath, the truth of the allegation that he struck the defendant first.

Capt. Buckley, master of the s.s. "Trazos Montes," said he investigated the affair immediately after the occurrence. The defendant did not tell him anything about being hit by the mate first. Witness entered the occurrence in the log book, read it out to the defendant and gave him a copy of it. The defendant expressed himself satisfied to have the matter taken to a civil court.

His Worship said he was of opinion that the alleged assault by the third mate on the defendant did not take place. He was satisfied however, that the assault on the mate did take place, and therefore he sentenced the defendant to 6 weeks' hard labour, the jail charges to be paid from wages due to him.

## PAID IN ADVANCE.

## A RATTAN WORKER'S DECEIT.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning a Chinese was charged with unlawfully absconding himself from duty from a rattan maker's shop in Shamshuipo. The master of the shop stated that on the 18th inst. defendant went to shop and asked for employment. He agreed to engage him and paid him in advance \$30 which was the rule of the rattan guild. The defendant promised to start work the next day. He did not turn up the next morning, and was not heard of until yesterday. Witness in passing Austin Road saw defendant working in a shop, and had him arrested. Defendant said he had received no money from complainant. It was a fact that an entry was made in the cash book, but it was not signed. Complainant said some of his folks saw the money handed over to defendant. The entry was made and it was not necessary to sign it.

A job of the shop stated that he had known defendant for many years, as a member of the rattan guild. He saw the money paid by his master to defendant in the shop. His Worship ordered defendant to return the \$30 to the complainant or take the alternative of four weeks' hard labour.

What about your friends at home, and the Christmas mails just beginning? You don't feel like writing letters. You (and they) have grown out of the childishness of Christmas cards. Yet some sort of reminder and greeting is "indicated," as we used to say at Oxford. What better than a copy of the *Overland Mail*, published to-day? It gives them an interesting insight into Hongkong life, and for bulk and quality as a magazine has no equal at the price. Too much trouble to tie them up and address them? Yes. That is natural, but that needn't stop you. Send the addresses to the *China Mail* office, with 30 cents for each one, and we'll do the rest. Your friends at Christmas will think of you, and happily realize that you had thought of them.

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## THE "NAMWO" STORY.

Captain L. Schieldorup, master of the s.s. "Namwo," owned by the Kwong Hing Navigation Co., of No. 8 Bonham Strand, West, which was briefly reported in yesterday's *China Mail*, arrived in the Colony yesterday. He reports that the vessel which was built of wood and had a net tonnage of 542 tons, sailed from Haiphong on Nov. 18, bound for Hongkong with 300 tons of general cargo. The disaster happened on the Yug Cha Kong reef at latitude 19 deg. 56' min. and longitude 109 deg. 20' min., at 4 a.m., on November 20. There was a strong wind blowing at the time and the weather was overcast and rainy. The sea was moderate. The ship is a total loss. Three lives (all Chinese) were lost. Fifty-five persons (all that were left of the ship's complement) were saved by lifeboats and other small craft from the shore. The cargo was insured for \$100,600.

Describing the accident briefly, the Captain said that at about 3 a.m., on Nov. 20, while the ship was about 30 miles (on the log) off the Western entrance to Hainan Strait, she turned round steering West. She was going at half speed to await daylight. The Chief Officer was on watch. At 4 a.m., the ship ran on the reef. She must have been about 12 miles ahead of the log and 12 miles to the South of her course. At daylight it was observed that a very strong tide was setting on to the reef, and the ship sank steadily. After stranding, the vessel was found to be heading W.N.W. No one is to blame for the accident. The weather and the strong wind were responsible for the mishap. The ship was not overladen, and, in his (the Captain's) opinion, the cargo did not interfere with the navigation of the ship.

The vessel's draught of water forward was 17 ft 3 ins and aft 19 ft 2 ins. She was supplied with the requisite charts and had a good compass on board also a steering compass on the bridge. Both are in good condition. As already stated above, the vessel is a total loss and unrecoverable. All the cargo sank with the ship and is also a dead loss. We are unable to ascertain whether, or not, the "Namwo" is covered by insurance.

## BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

The local Bank (Industrielle de Chine) has its own cable about, the new French loan announced by Reuters, and informs us that it is prepared to accept subscriptions, which it will cable home, in time. These bonds, bearing five per cent, and guaranteed by the Government, cost F.495 and are redeemable at maturity for F.600. Meanwhile, being premium bonds, they participate in drawings for large prizes quarterly, the first prize being F.1,000,000. With exchange so much in favour of the investor, a considerable local demand is confidently expected.

## THE GABLONZ.

## HIGH PRAISE FROM PASSENGERS HOMEWARD.

Messrs. Paterson, Simons and Co., Ltd., forward us a copy of the following telegram received from La Societa Di Navigazione a vapore del Lloyd Triestino, Trieste, and dated October 29: "Gablonz" arrived October 22. Publish the following in the Press:—According to the description of passengers they had a most pleasant voyage. No complaints, highly praising excellent treatment received from Commander. Were at once persuaded that what was written about outward voyage very misleading and malicious statement."

After the "Gablonz" arrived in Shanghai some time ago a passenger contributed an article to one of the papers complaining of the "Bolshevistic" behaviour of the crew. The senior military officer among the passengers on board wrote immediately afterwards denying the allegations.

## OVERSEAS TRADE.

## A WARNING FROM SHANGHAI.

In a letter to the secretary of the Northampton Chamber of Commerce, a leading firm in Shanghai writes:—We are very disappointed with the leisurely way things are done at home now. We can understand and sympathise with your difficulties, but the position is beginning to touch our reputation, and we have no sympathy for workmen or manufacturers who are apparently determined to destroy their own trade and to injure ours in the process. If the people at home are going to take two months over an estimate, they may take twenty years over delivery, and we cannot do business with them on these terms.

The people at home have had sufficient time to shake down more or less, and if business from now on is to be as difficult as would appear to be the case we should be so informed, that we may go to American or Japanese markets, where we can be reasonably sure of being attended to.

If home conditions are responsible we must ask you to impress on the home manufacturers that they must be business-like, or, in the alternative, tell us that they are helpless or indifferent, so that we can have the choice of other markets. If England cannot supply our needs, we are prepared to go to other markets, which can supply our needs equally well.

## TO-DAYS ADVERTISEMENTS.

## GRAND FRENCH LOTTERY.

UNDER THE GUARANTEE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

THE Local branch of the BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE will receive subscriptions for the above lottery from this date to the 15th December Prox.

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M. ROUET DE JOURNEL, Manager.

Hongkong, November 28, 1919.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. From EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship, "KITANO MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by December 3, 1919, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents, Hongkong, November 28, 1919.

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## HIS FRIEND THE ENEMY.

[By Cicely Hamilton in the "Daily News."]

Mr. Atkins, in obedience to orders, is packing up and leaving the Rhine land. His presence there is a national expense as well as a reminder of defeat—and Rhineland, on the whole, will be glad enough to see the last of him. There will be exceptions, however: Mr. Atkins was never a hater, and many individual German pockets must be somewhat the heavier for his habit of ready spending. Also, Gretchen, they say, comes to bid him farewell at the station—and parts from him sometimes with tears.

I am inclined to think that even these Rhinelanders who can spare him best will admit that, take him all round, Mr. Atkins might have been worse. One of the first conversations I had in the "Occupation" was with a small boy, native of a Rhineland village, who, after surveying me with interest, and demanding, "You are English?" proceeded to give me information. This consisted of three statements delivered with a gusto of their import: "Once before the war, an Englishman lived in this street." "There are a lot of English soldiers in the village now." and "The English soldiers are always very kind to us Germans." The boy moved on, and the conversation ended, leaving me with a suspicion that officials entrusted with the carrying out of orders against intervention must have their worrying moments—there was confirmation of the small boy's words in the fact that, guessing me English, he attempted to make friends at sight. I reflected that you cannot have it both ways; that a race with the colonising instinct in its blood will settle down comfortably anywhere. That it settles down comfortably in an enemy country is a necessary defect of its virtue.

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"NOVARA"	7,000	18th Dec.	MARSHALLS & LONDON direct.
"KANGAR"	9,000	29th Dec.	—Do—

## BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARRATON APCAR"	4,500	23rd Dec.	Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	13th Jan.	Serdakan, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.

## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI &amp; JAPAN

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARRATON APCAR"	4,500	30th Nov.	Shanghai & Kobe
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"JAPANN"	9,000	15th Dec.	Shanghai & Kobe

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## BOXING.

TO SECURE CLEAN SPORT.

## INAUGURAL MEETING OF LOCAL ASSOCIATION.

An inaugural meeting called by the sponsors of the proposed Hongkong Boxing Association was held at the offices of Messrs. Johnstone, Stokes and Master, last evening, and was well attended by a large gathering of the followers of the "manly" sport.

Mr. H. J. Geddes presided and was supported by Messrs. F. C. Jenkin, J. C. Wildin and G. N. Tinson (Hon. Secretary).

The Chairman said: Pugs and panaches—laughter—I have been asked to take the chair this evening—I presume because I was an old pug, as I was described the other day by one of my learned friends, and I must say that I glorify in the title, and that put me in mind that it would be more appropriate if I addressed this meeting and described those present as "pugs" and "panaches" instead of by the usual appellation of "gentlemen," and I do not think that I need offer any excuse this evening for describing and classifying those present under the above definitions.

There is many a one here present who is able to glory in the fact that he is still a "pug"—the most honourable title which I can confer on a man whether amateur or professional, who, by his skill and fitness, is enabled to take physical part in the royal and ancient game of self-defence.

As regards the "panaches," they can only deplore that anno domini and long residence in the Far East has brought them under the second classification, and I have no doubt that upon occasions when they look at their figures in the glass they regret, as I have often done, that, alas, they cannot take a left lead from the mark from my old friend, Kid Marrior, as but I think that I can answer for the "panaches" that, nevertheless, they take as much interest in the noble art as they did in former years, and that they have at heart the true interests of boxing, be it amateur or professional.

Those responsible for calling this meeting have felt that an Association of the kind referred to in the notice will fill what has now become a much-needed want in Hongkong.

You all know how efficiently during the war boxing contests were run and managed here by the officials of the Police Reserve, and, in particular, I would in this regard refer to Deputy Superintendent Jenkin and Chief Preventative Officer John C. Wildin. Those who were present at those successful and enjoyable meetings must have been impressed with the sport provided—the fair manner in which the bouts were contested, the support given by the Hongkong public, and the very considerable money which went to War Charities.

Unfortunately, the Police Reserve are not now in a position to promote and manage these contests, and, as I have said, it has been generally felt that a Boxing Association to encourage, promote and conduct boxing in Hongkong would appeal to those interested in the sport and tend to put the sport on the high level upon which it should be in this Colony.

We have drawn up various resolutions which I shall have the pleasure of putting to this meeting, and which, I hope, you will adopt. One of the first will be that H.E. the Governor be asked to be the President of the Association. I have communicated with His Excellency, and I understand that he is a well known enthusiast of the art, and he has intimated that he will be pleased to act as President, which fact will be the subject of congratulation by all those present.

I shall also propose later on that His Honour Sir William Rees-Davies be appointed Chairman of the Association and its Committee, and, subject to the views of this meeting, I have pleasure in stating that he has kindly consented to serve. No excuse for this proposal is needed, for all of you know of the lively interest he has always taken in the boxing organised by the Police Reserve.

As to the profits which it is hoped will be derived from the contests, it is intended to devote them to charitable purposes. (Applause.)

The Chairman then moved, Mr. Allen seconded, and it was resolved unanimously: "That an Association, to be called the Hongkong Boxing Association, be now formed for the purpose of promoting, encouraging and controlling boxing competitions, contests and championships in the Colony of Hongkong."

Mr. Jenkin proposed, Mr. Wildin seconded, and it was agreed "That the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Official Referee, Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, General Committee, Contests Committee, and ordinary members, and such other officers and committees as may be appointed by the General Committee."

It was also decided, on the motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Brooks, "That the following be invited to be President and Vice-Presidents, and that the General Committee have power to elect further Vice-Presidents, President, H.E. the Governor; Vice-Presidents, His Honour Sir Wm. Rees-Davies, K.C.; H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Duff,

## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[Translated for the China Mail from the Wah Tsi Yat Po.]

SHANGHAI Nov. 22. Li Hau Ki, the Fukien Tsuchun, informs the Peking Government that in spite of his protest the Japanese Marines are landing.

Chan Luk, the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, is urging an immediate report on the Foochow case so as to open discussion with Japan.

The Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin petitions the Minister of Commerce saying that the Japanese Consul there is interfering with the general election. He asks the Minister to approach the Japanese legation at Peking to have this stopped.

Lau Kan Yan, the newly appointed Minister to Japan, being afraid to deal with the Japanese, is asking the Government to transfer him to another country. If the request is not granted he will submit his resignation.

The Peking Government despatched the gunboat "Hoi Chow" to Fukien yesterday.

Tun Ki Sui warns General Chu Shu Tsang not to be too obstructive in the matter of the formation of Kan Wan Pang's Cabinet.

The American merchants at Tientsin have expressed opinions concerning the Japanese action in interfering with the election of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Japanese Minister at Peking in his counter protest over the Foochow affair says that the trouble was due to the robbing of Japanese goods by the students. The Japanese merchants who merely took necessary action for self protection are not responsible for the consequences.

He asked the Peking Government to strictly suppress the boycott movement. The Minister for Foreign Affairs pointed out that the students had not committed any robbery and that the Japanese residents shot the people without reason. It is understood that the Japanese Minister knows very well that the Japanese are in the wrong in this case. An early settlement is expected.

## THE BADGE OF HONOUR.

The following verses have already had some circulation in the Colony, but not, we believe, in print:

I knew a man of industry,  
Who made big bombs for the R.F.C.  
And pocketed lots of L.S.D.  
And now (thank God) he's an O.B.E.

I knew a woman of pedigree,  
Who asked some soldiers out to tea,  
And said "Dear me" and "Yes, I see,"  
And now (thank God) she's an O.B.E.

I knew a man of twenty-three,  
Who got a job with a fat M.P.  
Not caring much for the Infantry,  
And now (thank God) he's an O.B.E.

I had a friend, a friend, and he,  
Just held the line for you and me,  
And kept the Germans from the sea,  
And died without the O.B.E.

Thank God,  
He died without the O.B.E.

H.E. the G.O.C., Commodore Gunner, the Hon. Captain-Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, and the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone.

On the motion of Mr. F. H. Dillon, seconded by Mr. S. J. Clarke, the following were appointed Officers of the Association:—Chairman, His Honour Sir Wm. Rees-Davies, K.C.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. M. Dyer; Official Referee, Mr. H. J. Geddes; Manager, Chief Preventative Officer J. C. Wildin; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. G. N. Tinson.

Mr. Brooks proposed, Mr. Ward seconded and it was carried unanimously "That the General Committee consist of twelve members, exclusive of the President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Official Referee, Manager, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be ex-officio members, and that of these twelve members the Naval and Military Services be each invited to nominate three members, and the Police Force one member."

The following were appointed the civilian members of the General Committee:—The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr. G. C. Moxon, Revenue Officer S. J. Clarke and Sergeant Ward, N.Y. Police.

The General Committee was authorised to appoint a Contests Committee to deal with all matters in connection with the public presentation of boxing contests, etc., and in the meantime it was agreed that such matters be attended to by Mr. Jenkin, the Manager and the Secretary. The Chairman explained that the latter part of the resolution was necessary as they intended to hold a contest very shortly.

The annual subscription was fixed at \$5.

It was decided that all contests, etc., should be fought under the Rules of the N.S.C. London, but that the Contests Committee have power to vary such rules to meet circumstances arising locally.

The General Committee was empowered to pass the Rules of the Association and forthwith to assume the management of the Association.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A boxing meeting will probably be held on December 20 at the Theatre Royal.

## SCIENCE IN THE TELEGRAMS.

GYROSCOPE AND TWISTED LIGHT-WAYES.

[By HERBERT CHATLEY, D.Sc. (Lond.).]

Two telegrams appeared which purported to convey news of great scientific importance. One referred to the Sperry gyroscopic compass as a novelty. The gyroscopic compass, as a matter of principle, has been known for many decades and as a matter of practice has been in use on certain warships for some 10 years or so. Dr. Anschütz fired one on the battleship "Deutschland" in the year 1908. Very probably Sperry (who is well known for his invention of a partially successful gyroscopic aeroplane control) has improved the device somewhat, but he certainly cannot be regarded as the inventor of the compass.

The gyroscopic compass is simply a spinning wheel driven at a prodigious speed by an electric motor and mounted in gimbals so that it is free to set itself as it pleases. The rotation of the earth constrains the bearings until they set themselves so that the wheel is spinning parallel to the earth. Hence the compass points to true north and, not being magnetic in its action, is unaffected by the proximity of masses of iron. It has, however, its own peculiar tricks and, unless very delicately arranged and controlled, is sluggish in its action. One great advantage is that one master compass of this kind can operate a large number of other compasses in the same way as is done with electric clocks.

FROM THEORY TO LAW.

The second telegram occupies nearly half a column, but nevertheless, is probably almost unintelligible to most people. The subject referred to is, from a normal point of view, a purely academic one, but in actual fact may eventually become of enormous practical value. (The extraordinary manner in which "indirect action" of "pure" scientific investigation finally results in the most widely reaching practical applications is a matter which advocates of Bolshevism and similar forms of "direct action" may ponder on with advantage.)

The actual observations referred to are almost certainly those of the total solar eclipse of May 29 last and consist in the definite determination of slight apparent displacements in the sky of the stars, visible near the sun during the eclipse, such displacements being due to the action of the sun's gravitation on the starlight. These displacements were prophesied some years ago by Einstein on the basis of a certain hypothesis and in conjunction with other phenomena provide confirmation of the said hypothesis and raise it to the rank of a "theory" or natural "law."

IF WE COULD MOVE LIKE LIGHT.

The hypothesis in question is termed the "Principle of Relativity" and can be stated in the following form:—It is inherently impossible to obtain experimental evidence of the motion of material bodies relative to the ether of space, because those bodies are changed by their velocity through the ether (in a degree depending on the extent to which that velocity approaches that of light, which is upwards of 200,000 miles per second).

To convey an idea of what is meant it may be remarked that if the patient reader of this note could take his car (of course he has a car) down the Nanking Road at a speed of 186,000 miles per second, in virtue of that velocity he (and the car) would spread out into a thin vertical disc which could divide the whole universe into two halves!

A FOURTH DIMENSION.

The extraordinary conclusions resulting from this now confirmed hypothesis can only be arrived at by a rather difficult mathematical analysis but may be briefly indicated as follows:—

(1) The quantity or "mass" of a moving body depends on its velocity, and in consequence "matter" is simply (1) electricity in motion.

(2) Our ideas of space and time are not absolutely consistent with fact, because space measurements change with the velocity of the objects by which we measure.

(3) Light does not proceed in absolutely straight lines but is affected by the velocity of the source and point of observation and also is deflected by heavy bodies such as the sun.

(4) Gravitation probably proceeds through space with the same velocity as light, the anomalies which have previously rendered this idea unacceptable being due to changes in matter due to velocity.

(5) Apparently straight lines are really slightly curved so that there is actually a kind of "fourth dimension."

These things will doubtless appear to the ordinary man as unimportant and abstract matters with which he need not worry, but as a matter of fact they may lead to the most startling practical conclusions among which may be included as conceivable possibilities the transmutation of matter from one form to another, the control of gravitation, and consequent ability to travel through space and the discovery of a fourth dimensional universe: with properties entirely transcending those of which we know.

—N.C. Daily News.

## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## JAPANESE COMPETITION.

GEDDES HAS NO FEARS.

LONDON, November 24. In the House of Commons at question time, Sir Auckland Geddes stated that skilled time-workers in Britain are paid 10s. to 15s. for an eight-hour day. Some highly paid skilled workers in Japan get only 9s. for a twelve-hour day but there were other factors to be considered. He saw no reason at present to fear that British manufacturers would be unable to hold their own in competition with the Japanese. The enormous increase in the importation of goods from Japan in wartime was wholly artificial. He deprecated the belief that these goods could hold British and other markets when again subject to British competition. There was already every indication that the markets which Japan had apparently gained in wartime were hungering for British goods.

## SCARE ABOUT GERMAN ARMY.

TRUST FOCH.

LONDON, November 24. In the House of Commons Colonel Claude Lowther called attention to a statement that Germany had an army of over half a million men on a war footing. Mr. Bonar Law replied that to the best of the government's belief this number was exaggerated, but the Supreme Council was keeping this question in view in order that the terms of the treaty after the ratification might be enforced. He pointed out that the limitation of the number of the German army would only be effective after ratification. He emphasised that it was the supreme duty of the allied council in Paris to ensure that we ran no risk of being unable to enforce the treaty and General Foch could be trusted not to overlook the strength of the German forces.

## KAISER'S TRIAL.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

The Allies have collected a quantity of most valuable evidence of the most far reaching character in support of the indictment and trial of the Kaiser.

## THE GREAT COAL DODGE.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

In the House of Commons, Sir Auckland Geddes announced that as from Dec. 1, the price of household coal was being reduced ten shillings per ton, with a view to making a special effort to reduce the cost of living. Moreover the price for coastwise bunkers would be reduced to an industrial level, while the government was examining the question of foreignwise bunkers, because bunker prices were so high that there was danger of the average level of freight rates rising unless a corrective were applied. It was unsatisfactory to have coal for internal purposes selling below the average cost of production, and industrial coal must as soon as possible be sold on an economic basis.

## A COMPLETE UPSET.

A half-sovereign reduction in the price of household coal was considerably beyond the public expectation. The news caused consternation on the coal exchange. Experts opine that the lowering of the price for coastwise bunkers will represent a reduction of thirty shillings per ton, which will affect freights most substantially.

In the House of Commons, Sir Auckland Geddes said the government's coal policy included the limitation of the exportable amount of coal and the limitation of owners' profits.

## HUNGARY.

BUDAPEST, November 24.

The Christian Socialist Huszar has formed a coalition cabinet. The elections are fixed for January.

## LETTS SUCCEEDED.

COPENHAGEN, November 24.

According to a Lettish official account the capture of Mitzau and storming of the town began at five in the morning of Nov. 21. There was a fierce six-hour struggle in which the desperate resistance of the Germans was broken. The town was then occupied by the Letts.

## BERLIN GUN-RUNNING STORY.

BERLIN, November 24.

Papers here report the discovery of an illicit trade in arms at Kiel. The arms are destined for the pan-Germans. A consignment of 78 machine-guns was seized.

## AN ARMS PROSECUTION.

## A VERY DOUBTFUL CASE.

An interesting arms case was before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning when a sampan man was charged with the unlawful possession of 5 revolvers and 1,000 rounds of ammunition on board the "Empress of Asia."

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.S.P. prosecuted and Mr. M. K. Lo defended. A Chinese constable deposed that on the 24th inst. he went on board the s.s. "Empress of Asia" to see a passenger. He did not meet him, and while walking on the deck, he met defendant carrying a basket on his shoulders. He noticed that the basket was partly broken, and the contents were visible. He saw some boxes which resembled ammunition boxes. He was suspicious and he asked defendant to put down the basket for a search. The order was obeyed, and witness was told that it contained soap. The basket was opened and on the top of the contents were some bars of soap, and at the bottom, there was a sack. It was opened and five revolvers and a number of boxes, containing ammunition were discovered. He had defendant arrested.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wolfe, witness said that defendant told him that the basket contained soap. A man was with defendant at the time, but when the basket was put down by defendant the man ran away. He was also carrying a basket. There were 1,500 rounds of ammunition in the man's basket and 1,000 rounds in defendant's basket.

Mr. Lo—Were there many people about when you stopped defendant? Since I was on the "Mausang," witness—Yes, about ten persons were near.

How far behind was the man who ran away?—About five feet away. Did defendant try to get away?—No, he stood still.

I take it that if he wanted to he could have thrown the basket at you and run away?—He could not possibly run away as I was holding him. You had no assistance with you?—No I understand from you that what aroused your suspicion was that there were some boxes which were like ammunition boxes—Yes. When you arrested defendant, did he make any statement about the basket?—He said that it contained soap. He told you who the basket belonged to?—He said that it belonged to his friend.

The defendant was called to the box.

Mr. Lo—Have you been in charge of the sampan very long?—Yes, for about ten years.

Why is the name on the licence that of your brother?—I had been abroad, so it was changed. I had been engaged on board the s.s. "Mausang."

And while you were engaged on the steamer, whose name was on the licence?—My father's name.

Where is your father now? He is still here.

But it was changed into your brother's name isn't it?—Yes. After you were employed on the steamer what have you been doing since?—I joined the "Kwong Chee," a steam launch.

What did you do on the day you were arrested?—I went on board the "Empress of Asia" to receive passengers.

What happened?—I met a friend of mine.

What is his name?—Lo Ping. How long have you known him?—Since I was on the "Mausang." After you had met your friend, what happened?—He asked me to carry the basket, which I was told contained soap. The wife of defendant was next called.

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## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Chenan" (Capt. Laven) arrived from Canton this morning with 210 tons of through general cargo.

The s.s. "Fushiki Maru" (Capt. Hashimoto) arrived from Mail yesterday with 1,923 tons of coal for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Choysang" (Capt. Baker) arrived from Shanghai this morning with 80 tons of general cargo for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Glenfallloch" (Capt. Mackenzie) arrived from Penang yesterday with 900 tons of general cargo for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Doylestown" (Capt. Fraatz) arrived from Portland yesterday with 2,000 tons of general cargo for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Kaitong" (Capt. Hark Walker) arrived from Haiphong yesterday with 1,700 tons of coal and general cargo. She also brought 7 packages of mails.

## DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Chinghing" (Capt. Nichols) sailed for Haiphong this morning with 200 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Borrico Maru" (Capt. Umakashi) sailed for Moli this morning with 300 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Saigon Maru" (Capt. Kondo) sailed for Bombay yesterday at 2 p.m., today with 1,200 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Haiphong" (Capt. Evans) sailed for Foochow via Swatow at 1 p.m., today with 1,000 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Loongsang" (Capt. Barker) sailed for Manila at 3 p.m. today with 850 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Chenan" (Capt. Laven) sailed for Shanghai via Taingao at 4 p.m., today with 1,200 tons of general cargo.

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## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major G. H. Wakeman, Y.D., Acting Administrative Commandant.

## LEAVE.

Captain R. Hall is granted 6 months' leave, dated 25 November, 1919. Spr. B. Pasco, Engineer Company, is granted 3 months' leave, dated 25, 11, 19, Pte. D. Wood, "D" Company, is granted 10 months' leave from 6th May, 1920.

## PULL-THROUGHS.

Members of the Corps when applying for new pull-throughs must return the brass weights of their old ones.

Orders for Artillery Company by Major J. H. W. Armstrong, Y.D.

Annual Musketry Course (Belt and sidearms to be worn).—9.00 a.m. Sunday, 7 December.—9.00 a.m. Right Half Company at King's Park Range, Kowloon. 9.00 a.m. Left Half Company at Tai Koo Range quarry Bay.

Orders for Engineer Company by Lieut. W. Brown.

D. E. L. CLASSES FOR HIGHER RATINGS.

D. E. L. Classes for higher ratings will be held at Belchers at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd December. Officer on duty: 2nd Lieut. L. J. Blackburn.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major G. E. Wakeman, Y.D., Officer Commandant.

## PARADES.

"A" COMPANY, Sunday, 30th November.—9.30 a.m. Nos. 5 and 6 Platoons at King's

Park Range Annual Musketry Course Part 1. The following will attend:—Corpl. J. Lyon, Lce. Corpl. E. J. Aucott, Privates W. E. Roberts, A. W. Smith, F. A. Macintosh, V. Sinclair, O. R. Benson, E. W. White, F. H. Smith and J. Hunter.

Sergts. Oxberry and Beavis, Corpl. Jackman, Privates C. Stuart, H. E. Taylor, A. E. Paine, W. A. Stephens, R. E. Bellios, D. K. Moss, A. G. Fletcher, C. H. P. Bay and T. Pearce. Staff Serjt. W. H. Edmond will attend. Dress. Drill order (Helmet).

## Captain.

G. E. STEWART

Adjutant, H. K. Defence Corps

## NOTICE.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE. Members of the Corps are reminded of the practice shoot at King's Park Range at 2.30 p.m. Saturday 29, instant.

RULES COMPETITIONS. A meeting of the Corps Shooting Committee (the members of which are as notified) individually on 20.11.19 will be held at Headquarters on Monday, December 1, at 5.3 p.m. to discuss arrangements for Rifle Competitions etc. (Friday, Nov. 28, 1919)



## THEATRICAL DEAL

MR. WARWICK MAJOR PARTING  
WITH HIS INTERESTS.

At the present time Mr. Warwick Major is in negotiation with the Madan Theatres, Ltd., of Calcutta, with a view to transferring to them his interest in the Public Hall, the Empire Theatre, Colombo, the Empire Theatre, Kandy, the Palace Theatre, Maradano, and the Electric Theatre, Bangalore. The sanction for the transfer of some of the leases has been already obtained and, provided the transfer of the other leases is sanctioned by the authorities concerned and no difficulty in this respect is anticipated, it is certain that the transfer will take place as all the other arrangements have been made and agreed to.

The Madan Theatres, Ltd., is a company, recently floated in Calcutta, with an authorised capital of 100 lakhs, of which 70 lakhs has been paid up. The company has been organised with a view to exploiting all the manifold possibilities of the cinema and theatrical trade and industry in the East and to give the public the opportunity of enjoying the benefits and advantages of a business conducted on a large scale. It has started with J. F. Madan's Elphinstone, Bioscope Theatres which are to be found throughout India and Burma, and has incorporated the three Bombay theatres—the Excelsior, the Empire and the Empress—together with a site upon which a new Bombay theatre, is to be shortly erected.

The company is also constructing theatres at Cawnpore, Lucknow, Bankipore, Calcutta and Rangoon. They will have 21 theatres running in the course of a few months, and expect to have about 50 open within a year. The company is extending its field to Karachi, Lahore, Rawal Pindi, Simla, and elsewhere, and the proposed purchase of the Colombo theatres is one of their latest ventures.

The company holds the agency for all Pathe serials and for Million Dollar Chaplins (the popular Charlie Chaplin films). They propose to make a feature of the production of films of Indian and Eastern interest. The services of an expert European photographer have been already obtained and an up-to-date studio is being erected and artists secured.

The chairman of directors is Mr. C. Madan, O.B.E., and the directors include Mr. D. C. H. Edie of Allahabad, F. H. Agar of Calcutta, Babu Kesaram Poddar of Calcutta, A. J. Bilmoria (the secretary of Tata's, Ltd., Bombay), and A. M. Madan of Bombay. The share list is closed and no prospectus has been issued.

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